CLAIMS

1. A stent delivery system comprising:

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a catheter;

a balloon operably attached to the catheter; and

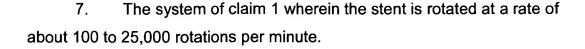
a stent disposed on the balloon, the stent including at least one coating, the coating applied onto the stent by dipping a portion of the stent into a coating liquid while simultaneously rotating the stent.

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- 2. The system of claim 1 wherein the coating includes a therapeutic agent.
- 3. The system of claim 1 wherein the coating is substantially on an outer surface of the stent.
 - 4. The system of claim 1 wherein the coating comprises a thickness of about 1 to 150 microns.
- 5. The system of claim 1 wherein the stent is dipped at a rate of about 0.1 to 25.0 millimeters per second.
 - 6. The system of claim 1 wherein the stent is dipped for a time period of about 5 seconds to 10 minutes.

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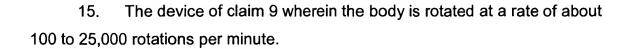
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- 5 8. The system of claim 1 further comprising:

 a control sequence; and
 a programmable logic chip wherein the logic chip controls at least
 one of the dipping and rotation of the stent based on the control sequence.
- 9. A stent device comprising:
 a body; and
 at least one coating rotationally applied to a portion of the body,
 while the body is at least partially immersed in a coating liquid.
- 15 10. The device of claim 9 wherein the coating includes a therapeutic agent.
 - 11. The device of claim 9 wherein the coating is substantially on an outer surface of the body.
 - 12. The device of claim 9 wherein the coating comprises a thickness of about 1 to 150 microns.
- 13. The device of claim 9 wherein the rotational application of the25 coating comprises dipping the body at a rate of about 0.1 to 25.0 millimeters per second.
 - 14. The device of claim 9 wherein the rotational application of the coating comprises immersing the body for a time period of about 5 seconds to 10 minutes.

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- 5 16. The device of claim 9 further comprising: a control sequence; and a programmable logic chip wherein the logic chip controls the rotational application based on the control sequence.
- 17. A method for coating a stent comprising:

 immersing a portion of the stent into a coating liquid;

 withdrawing the immersed portion of the stent from the coating liquid; and

 simultaneously rotating the stent with respect to the coating liquid

 while the stent is being immersed and withdrawn.
 - 18. The method of claim 17 wherein the rotation forces the coating liquid to an outer portion of the stent.
 - The method of claim 17 further comprising applying multiple layered coatings.
 - 20. The method of claim 17 wherein immersing the stent comprises controlling a stent wetting characteristic.
 - 21. The method of claim 17 wherein the stent is immersed at a rate of about 0.1 to 25.0 millimeters per second.

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- 22. The method of claim 17 wherein the stent is immersed for a time period of about 5 seconds to 10 minutes.
- 5 23. The method of claim 17 wherein the stent is rotated during immersion at a rate of about 100 to 3,500 rotations per minute.
 - 24. The method of claim 17 wherein withdrawing the stent comprises controlling a stent coating thickness.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein the sent coating thickness comprises a thickness of about 1 to 150 microns.

- 26. The method of claim 17 wherein the stent is withdrawn at a rate of about 0.1 to 25.0 millimeters per second.
 - 27. The method of claim 17 wherein the stent is rotated during withdrawal at a rate of about 600 to 25,000 rotations per minute.
 - 28. The method of claim 17 further comprising:

 programming a control sequence; and

 controlling at least one of the immersion, withdrawal, and rotation
 based on the control sequence.

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29. A stent device comprising:

means for immersing a portion of the stent into a coating liquid;

means for withdrawing the immersed portion of the stent from the coating liquid; and

means for simultaneously rotating the stent with respect to the coating liquid while the stent is being immersed and withdrawn.

30. The device of claim 29 further comprising:

a control sequence; and
means for controlling at least one of the immersion, withdrawal,
and rotation based on the control sequence.